



**COMMANDER, NAVY REGION HAWAII &  
NAVAL SURFACE GROUP  
MIDDLE PACIFIC**  
PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICE  
850 TICONDEROGA STREET, SUITE 110  
JBPHH, HAWAII 96860  
PHONE: 808-473-2888 FAX: 808-473-2876  
[www.cnmc.navy.mil/hawaii](http://www.cnmc.navy.mil/hawaii)



**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**  
**POC: MC2 Robert Stirrup, 808-590-8363**

**June 23, 2011**  
**Release # 029-11**

## **USS Port Royal Set to Deploy to the Western Pacific, Middle East**

The guided-missile cruiser USS Port Royal (CG 73) will depart Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam on June 24, for an independent deployment to the Western Pacific and U.S. Central Command area of responsibility. The crew of more than 300 Sailors will conduct Ballistic Missile Defense operations, maritime interdiction operations and theater security cooperation.

"This crew has prepared well and is excited about deployment," said Capt. Eric F. Weilenman, commanding officer of Port Royal. "We are looking forward to executing tasking whenever and wherever it occurs."

When asked of anticipations for the deployment, Culinary Specialist Seaman T.J. Fernandez responded, "I am excited for the chance to see different parts of the world during our port visits."

"We've worked hard and we're ready to get out there and make a difference," said Sonar Technician Surface 1st Class (SW) Emanuel Bolton.

USS Port Royal helps provide deterrence, promotes peace and security, preserves freedom of the seas and humanitarian/disaster response within U.S. 3<sup>rd</sup> Fleet's 50-million square mile area of responsibility in the Eastern Pacific, as well as supporting the Navy's Maritime Strategy when forward deployed in support of Geographical Combatant Commander objectives.

*News media who are interested in covering the ship's arrival should contact MC2 Robert Stirrup at the Navy Region Hawaii Public Affairs Office at 808-590-8363 by 3:00 p.m. June 23, to arrange an escort onto Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. Media will be met at the Nimitz Gate Visitors Pass Office parking area on June 24 at 8 a.m.*

-USN-